

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
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National Women's History Month, celebrated every March, is an opportunity to recognize women's contributions to the Navy and our Nation. "Women Pioneering the Future" is this year's theme, which is certainly reflected by U.S. Naval History.

Women have supported the Armed Forces since the American Revolution, even sailing aboard ships in the Colonial Navy. Today women serve throughout the Armed Forces. They are in command of warships, leading by example as Command Master Chiefs ashore and afloat, engaging Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery batteries, and having slipped the bonds of earth, hurtling through outer space. Filling billets once occupied only by men, Navy women - active, reserve, and civilian - serve proudly in exacting positions of leadership around the globe.

Some area events planned in observance of Women's History Month include the following:

Women's History Month Buffet Luncheon - 19 March 2003, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Pier 26, Sand Dollar II. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The guest speaker is: Barbara Ciara. For more information please call 444-8514.

Women's History Month Lecture - 19 March 2003, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Dam Neck Annex Galley. Guest Speakers are: Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Ph.D., Hampton Mayor; Sergeant Major McPherson, MASG-33; Sergeant Major White, MACS-24. For more information, please call 492-5187.

Annual Civil War Re-enactment - 22 & 23 March 2003, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. respectively, Endview Plantation, 362 Yorktown Road, Newport News, VA. Living history programs, medical demonstrations, vendors selling period attire, period fashion show, children's booth and ladies' tea (fee required). For more information, please call 887-1862.

Personal Safety for Women: Take Charge of Your Life - 26 March 2003, 8:00 p.m., Powhatan II Community Room, Old Dominion University. The presenter: RESPONSE Sexual Assault Services. For more information, please call 683-4109.

Commands are encouraged to sponsor exhibits, publish items of interest in Command bulletins and solicit participation in appropriate observances of National Women's History Month.